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(Case No. 00-1153-A)

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THE APPLICATION OF:

Brady, et al.

Serial No. 10/001,237

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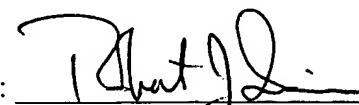
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This is a preliminary amendment of the above-identified application.

AMENDMENTS

In the specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 19, with the following paragraph:

A  
A subscriber station (Sub 1, Sub 2, Sub 3 and Sub 4 of Fig. 1) has hardware and software to query indicative quotes, request binding quotes, and send orders to Exchanges. In one embodiment, the subscriber station consists of a Windows-based PC running an application that allows users to login, select symbols, and receive quotes for those symbols. Other embodiments include hand held computing devices that run the applications. Alternatively, the hand-held device acts as a wireless data terminal that communicates with the PC running the applications. As one of ordinary skill can appreciate, further alternatives hardware and software arrangements include hand-held devices and PC workstations, wherein the software functionality is appropriately divided between the two devices.

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